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Saint Alphonsus Hosp. B.C. Idaho
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Rev Aloysius Colacurcio C.M.F.

Rev Dear Father

Many thanks for all the blessings and privileges attached to Badages and my Rosaries I can only repay You by saying a Rosary for You often that I will do.

Your letter was a surprise to me that You are no longer in the Seminary at Mromenee and I see too Your new assignment only add additional responsibilities as Master of Novices I hope for You that Our Lord will be as kind to You in caring for those Novices as the Sacred Heart did for You while You were Director for His preparatory Seminary in Mromenee, and I know the Dear Lord will take care of You and then, I will keep You and them in my prayers. Thanking You for all Your kindness to me.

Sincerely in Holy Cross
Sister M. Mildreda

ST. PATRICK ACADEMY

MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

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Sept. 23, 1942.

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.
Walnut, California.

Rev. dear Father:

May I add just a little personal word to the enclosed letter? Thank you very much for your kind letter to me. It came at a time when I, too, needed it very much, and it has been the source of constant prayer and meditation. Your words to the effect that the measure of my self conquest in this particular matter would be the measure of my happiness and holiness have struck deep root in my heart and soul. I have sincerely done my best in everything and I have tried to be faithful in making the act of faith as you suggested. I have felt the effect and I have experienced happiness in so doing. At times, however, it is unusually difficult and I know that I shall have to practice great self-control. However, if this is what God wishes of me, fiat.

What you said on the question of prayer, too, was a source of great happiness. The permission you gave to ask for the grace of contemplation meant so much to me. I realize my need of it but it seemed something too great for me to aspire to; now that I have your permission and advice to beg our dear Lord for this grace, I hesitate no longer. Thank you, too, for your prayer for me, for this great grace. I trust that some day, our Lord may grant it to me.

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

September 25, 1942.

Reverend A. Ellacuria, C.M.F.
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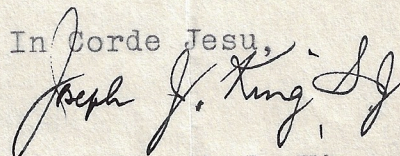
Dear Father Master:

I am sorry to be so tardy in replying to your letter of September 4th. but I have been making inquiries about your questions. We do not seem to have here Father Plati's book in english.

The main spiritual reading book is Rodriguez's "Practice of Perfection and Christian Virtues". The main book for morning meditation is Meschler's "The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ". We have a list of about fifty books which Novices are expected to read in the Novitiate; many are the lives of Jesuit Saints and most are written by Jesuit authors. I do not believe that such a list would be practical for you. The authors most recommended are Archbishop Goodier, Pere Plus, De Ponte, Meschler, Scaramelli, Lancisius, Vercruyz, not to mention, of course, the Imitatio Christi and the Bible and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Begging the prayers of your good Novices and a memento in your Holy Mass, I am

In Corde Jesu,



Rev. Joseph J. King
Master of Novices.

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy

Planteno, Illinois

Phone 2351

September 25, 1942.

Dear Reverend Father;

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Tardy is my response to your very kind letter which afforded/so much consolation and REAL joy. Being Mother means sacrificing self - interests, even when these are wholly permissable, but know that you have been often in my thoughts and prayers. A week from tomorrow is the feast of our holy Founder, and we are celebrating by having a High Mass in our chapel. How I wish you could be the celebrant! I asked Father Schneider to say it for us - the big thing I desire much is that each may receive of the fulness of the spirit of our holy Founder as laid out in our Holy Rule. I really could not ask more. For October I have arranged that our retreat be on the Holy Rule, and it will be on October 3rd, the feast of the Little Flower. May I ask you to unite with me in petitioning God this one favor. We are preceding the feast by a Storm Novena to the Holy Ghost, that all be in proper dispositions to receive the graces God would grant them. Please ask God to assist me in inculcating the utmost fidelity to the minutest points of our Holy Rule. I feel it is what He wants, and I must not fail Him! I love Him so, but I wish I loved Him more. It is such a real treat writing to you, it makes me feel just like old days again.

My installation took place on the beautiful feast of the Holy Heart of Mary. I shall enclose a copy of the address, it is beautifully written and I know you will enjoy it. It seemed to me God would not have chosen a better day, and His choice really pleased me.

As a Defense project we are asked to conserve on paper, so I am deviating from the general rule - excuse me please but it is just something of the patriotic spirit.

Enclosed is an offering for a Holy Mass that was given me for that purpose. Will you please say it for me with the intentions mentioned at the beginning of this letter??? Present me through Mary to the most Blessed Trinity in, with and through Christ that God may be glorified in me and through me. I feel I drifted some in the stress of my new duties, but I am striving to amend now by a greater fervor

I so often think of you in your new mission, and your blessed Anthony Mary Claret. I really think much of him, my attractions are so akin to his. God through him could not have chosen a better novice master. My prayers aren't much, but please accept them in all their poverty both for yourself and your novices through your holy Founder.

Later when things are a little more settled I shall write you at greater length. It will always be a pleasure to hear from you, if God wills it, and I wish Him to will it. Is that alright? To will that He will something? - Anyway, I do love Him no matter what He does, and that's all that counts. I trust Him, too, and suffer no uneasiness because of my responsibility. He is a sweet good God to grant me that grace.

One more favor, the great St. Theresa is my special patron, will you pray her in a most special way on her feast day, October 15th. I have always felt she would be one of my strongest intercessors in heaven when I would be assigned the duty of superior. It isn't success I want, but that I may love God, and help others to love Him more and serve Him with a greater fidelity to their Holy Rule.

Respectfully in Christ
Sister Mary

P. S. Dr. Mother St. Theresa's nurse I am
mailing you St. Francis Treasures: The Love of God

Our Lady Academy

Manteno, Illinois

September 27, 1942

Reverend Father Aloysius:

The Mass said for my family is bearing fruit. Leon wrote a most beautiful letter starting with our Lady's own words. (He loves her dearly) "My soul doth magnify the Lord." His generous love of God, his beautiful spirit of faith, and unflinching trust in God when all seems darkest are always such an inspiration to me. He is indeed an "alter Christus" to use the Sacred Heart's own words, and must be a great source of joy to Him in this sad world of ours where family life is so desecrated.

He sent the enclosed offering that fitting thanksgiving might be offered through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Kindly say these three ^{Low Masses} consecutive of Thanksgiving in Honor of the Blessed Trinity, preferably on three ^{consecutive} days when the Gloria can be sung. If no one has reserved the feast of St. Francis, that of our faintly Founder, October 4th I would appreciate your selecting that as one day, also the Feast of the Little Flower as he and his wife are very fond of her. However, if this is an imposition, I leave it to you to select the most suitable time for the triduum. I prefer a delay rather than being obliged to have a stranger offer thanks for my dear ones.

Forgive me for infringing so frequently upon your precious time. May God reward you for your charitable care of me and mine. I count so much on your offering me with the Living Victim that I may become unto Him, in body and soul, another humanity in which He may complete what is wanting in this Passion for this "sin - torn world. Pray I may "glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ — love suffering, humiliations, contempt, failure for love of Him — learn to count it an honor to be treated as He was. Domine non sum dignus!

May the plenitude of the Eternal Priesthood be poured upon you for one who is most grateful through the Sacred Heart,
Sr. St. Thomas S.S.C.M.

L. M. J.

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St. Patrick Academy

Momence, Illinois

Exultation of the Holy Cross 1942

Reverend Father Alayius
Immaculate Heart of Mary Novitiate
Walnut, California

Dear Father Alayius:

Mother Mary Inelda wished me to thank you for your kind letter which came most opportunely while she was perplexed by many a problem. Hers is, as you know, a difficult position, and the assurance of your prayers and those of your saintly novices was a source of great encouragement.

You may be surprised to hear from me from Momence. I was missioned to Manteno but at the end of ten days Reverend Mother requested that I come here to relieve temporarily in the High School Department until a teacher could be found. After a week, I am returning to my original post at Our Lady Academy. Jones has started a baseball game with me. He's quite a sportsman, isn't he? I wonder where third base will be? I am ready for anything, dear Lord, Fiat!

This is a precious anniversary. Do you recall? You were very kind to write so encouraging a letter. I do wish unions were as close as you lead me to believe, but I fear, with good reasons, that in your charity you over-estimate my good qualities. You little realize what depths of misery are mine. Pray for me, won't you? I want to smile through it all so that not even the Beloved may know the cost of it all but — I'm such a moral coward. I cringe so much

under human opinion. You little dream the extent of my pride. Pray!
Pray! I may surrender completely to His purifying and transforming
action. I want to be with Him the living expression of the "Our
Father," - to be lost completely in His Will.

I am enclosing three mass stipends. I would appreciate your
saying one mass September 20th (anniversary of my saintly mother's
1. death) for my missionary brother Roger. We haven't heard from
him since the outbreak of the war. Kindly remember my dear
mother at the moments for the dead - my dear Father, too. Even
though they may not need it, will not the remembrance add to their
accidental glory?

2. Kindly say the second mass for my adopted sister Madeleine
who is also my God. child. She has drifted away from the family
and is, I am told, living a very modern life. I am grateful our
dear parents have gone to their reward and can no longer suffer from
the infidelities of this poor child.

3. The third one for St. John Joseph (Mary Margaret Mc Donald)
who was not accepted for profession and obliged to return to the
world. It's a very, very sad case. Her dismissal was a great blow to
her and has depressed and discouraged her. She has a growing
conviction that her mother's prediction is, after all, true - that's
she's good for nothing. She's ready to fling everything to the winds
I wouldn't be surprised she has taken definite steps towards it.
A violent nature like hers is either very good, ^{or}, very bad. The
Sacred Heart did so much for her while in Beaverville I am sure
a mass in His Honor for this poor child of His will merit from
merciful Love all the grace she needs to be faithful to Him.
She hopes to be given another trial (I doubt very much she'll get it)
But - if such a hope can keep up her spirits a bit at least she
may eventually be encouraged to try elsewhere. This, about re-entering
is strictly confidential. She's working in Chicago. Her home address there is
169 North Laverne. A word from you would be helpful.

Respectfully and gratefully yours - The Sacred Heart
Fr. A. Thomas S.S.C.M.